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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Jeremy M. Hughes, Ph.D., Acting Superintendent 

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SUBJECT: Report on Statewide Support of High Priority Schools

The State Board of Education goal to *attain substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement for all students/children with primary emphasis on high priority schools and students*, is at the heart of the work in the Michigan Department of Education. Under the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*, schools are identified as not making adequate yearly progress when their student achievement levels do not meet state academic standards. These are Michigan's high priority schools.

The Office of School Improvement is responsible for developing and implementing the department's strategic plan for assisting high priority schools. The plan was originally developed in February of 2002 during the first year of the Partnership for Success program. Since then, the department has supported several statewide initiatives and has been recognized nationally for its efforts.

The presentation includes an update on school status data as well as information on the variety of support activities being spearheaded by the department.

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